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SUBJECT: GATT BALANCE OF PAYMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: A) STATE 268743; G) GENEVA 8513; C) GENEVA 8173;

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1. GATT BALANCE OF PAYMENTS COMMITTEE MEMBERS MET
INFORMALLY NOV. 13. COMMITTEE DECIDED TO HOLD FULL
CONSULTATIONS WITH ARGENTINA AND KOREA, AND TENTATIVELY
MINI-CONSULTATIONS WITH INDIA, PAKISTAN, EGYPT, INDONESIA
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AND SRI LANKA. COMMITTEE WORKED OUT NEW PROCEDURE WHEREBY

MEMBERS CAN SUBMIT THROUGH SECRETARIAT WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO COUNTRIES WITH WHICH IT DOES NOT WANT TO SCHEDULE FULL CONSULTATIONS. RESPONSES WILL ALSO BE WRITTEN. PROCEDURES DESIGNED TO ALLOW COMMITTEE TO GET AUTHORITY TATIVE RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT REQUIRING COUNTRIES TO SEND EXPERTS FROM CAPITALS TO ATTEND MEETINGS.

2. U.S. PROPOSED FULL CONSULTATIONS FOR KOREA AND ARGENTINA WITHOUT OBJECTIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN DUNKEL WILL HOWEVER ONLY INFORM COUNTRIES THAT COMMITTEE WANTS TO HOLD FULL CONSULTATIONS WITH THEM. COMMITTEE WILL TRY TO SCHEDULE CONSULTATIONS FOR FEBRUARY AT TIME BRAZILIAN FULL CONSULTATIONS SCHEDULED.

3. NO SYMPATHY FOR FULL CONSULTATIONS WITH INDIA AND PAKISTAN IN LIGHT OF CONSULTATIONS WITH INDIA TWO YEARS AGO AND GOOD FAITH EFFORTS SINCE THEN. IN ADDITION, SOME COUNTRIES BELIEVE CONSULTATIONS SHOULD NOT BE SCHEDULED WITH INDIA UNLESS THEY ARE ALSO SCHEDULED WITH PAKISTAN. STRONG PREFERENCE CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE NOT CALL FULL CONSULTATIONS INDIA AND PAKISTAN. (FYI: FULL CONSULTATIONS ARE ALWAYS HELD SEVERAL MONTHS AFTER DECISION TO HAVE THEM TAKEN IN ORDER GIVE TIME FOR IMF PREPARE DOCUMENTATION. CHAIRMAN BELIEVES DECISION ON INDIA AND PAKISTAN SHOULD THEREFORE BE MADE NOW AND NOT POSTPONED.) MISSION BELIEVES WE CAN OBTAIN INFORMATION WE MAY WANT FROM INDIA AND PAKISTAN THROUGH NEW PROCEDURES OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS DESCRIBED PARA 1 AND RECOMMENDS THAT UNLESS THERE ARE POLICY REASONS NOT MENTIONED REFTEL (D) FOR CALLING FULL CONSULTATIONS WITH THESE COUNTRIES WE NOT DO. NEED RESPONSE BY MORNING NOV 17 AS COMMITTEE WILL MAKE FINAL DECISION AT INFORMAL MEETING AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH PERU.

4. SECRETARIAT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE WRITTEN QUESTIONS BY DEC. 5. QUESTION POSED FOR INDONESIA PARA 4, REF. (A) WILL BE SUBMITTED UNDER THIS PROCEDURE. DALE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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